N.H. in Gujarat, Maharashtra and M.P.

†4684. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the overall length of National Highways in Gujarat, Mharasthra and Madhya Pradesh as compared to the National average togetherwith the traffic percentage;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration for converting these National Highways into four-lane in view of heavy traffic on these highways;

(c) whether there is any proposal to invite private sector participation for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this direction so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The length of National Highways and their averages are as follows:

	Length of NH in Km.	Percentage of HH in the country
Gujarat	2241	4.31
Mahdhya Pradesh	5209	10.01
Maharashtra	3626	6.97

Traffic percentage has not been quantified

(b) At present the National Highway Development Project which include Golden Quadrilateral and North-South, East-West Corridor and Bagodara to Rajkot stretch of HN-8A and 8B and Indore-Dewas Section of NH-3 are the major four laning projects in the three States.

(c) and (d) Ministry has decided to construct Akola bypass in Maharashtra on BOT basis for which details are being worked out by NHAI.

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